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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the Japanese and European patent documents are also enclosed.

Japanese patent document number 5-52721 is discussed on pages 2 and 11 of the subject specification and generally corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,270,552.

Japanese patent document number 2001-345360 is discussed on pages 2-3 of the subject specification.

Japanese patent document number 2000-217290 is discussed on page 11 of the subject specification.

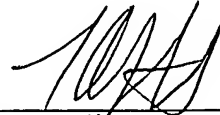
U.S. Patent No. 4,916,314 and No. 5,270,552, U.S. patent application publication numbers 2002/0050565, 2001/0045511 and 2001/0017060, Japanese patent document number 59-221955 and the Peterson et al. article were first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. Specifically, these documents were cited in a PCT International Search Report dated April 5, 2004, which was mailed May 21, 2004 (copy enclosed) from the European Patent Office in corresponding PCT patent application number PCT/JP2004/000502.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

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